

ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN OF IOWA (IAWI)



Belle e Forti Le Donne Italo-Americane (Beautiful Strong Italian American Women)

We had a great turn out for our Christmas Party there was 74 of us and thanks to everyone who were able to attend. The food was outstanding our ladies know how to cook! Thanks to Blank Golf Course for letting us host our party there. Thanks to everyone who brought their little ones out to see Santa and Mrs. C for singing to the children and to the Cultural Center for letting us host the kids party there. A special thanks to Maria and everyone who helped to make this successful!

Lisa Vivone Cruchelow, President

2018-2019 BOARD

These ladies will be installed in January:

President- Lisa Vivone Cruchelow, **Vice President-** Jennifer Bertagnolli, **Secretary-** Frances Graziano, **Treasurer-** Darlene Cross, **Sgt. At Arms-** Deb Pane, **Membership-** Vicky Leverich & JoAnn Miller, **Auditors-** Teresa Russo-Dyer & Rose Russo, **Greeter-** Jody Carlino, **Cheer & Sympathy-** Mary Cosimo, **B-Day & Anniversary-** Dee Dee Underwood, **Special Events & Social Outings-** Gloria Stefani & Angie Funaro-Wessel

MONTHLY MEETINGS

We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month! Please cut out the dates below so you don't miss out. July we will be meeting earlier. We are meeting at South Side Senior Center.

Mark Your Calendar for 2017 all meetings are at 7pm

1/23	2/27	3/27	4/24	5/22	6/26	7/17	No meeting in Aug	9/25	10/23	11/20	No meeting in Dec
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

REMINDER:

Our dues are due in January: \$20.00 for members under 65 and \$10.00 for seniors 65-84 and 85 and older are Life Members and you don't have to pay anymore.

Make your checks out to IAWI and send your dues to: IAWI, PO Box 21116, Des Moines, IA 50321

NEWS LETTER: If you want to receive this newsletter put out by the Cultural Center to stay in touch with the Italian community **please add \$7.00 to your membership. (\$27, \$17 & \$7)**

VALENTINE FOR VICTIMS ...

We are teaming up with Jennifer Bertagnolli's Ken Eaton foundation again this year. These blessing bags will be given to the victims' families at a mass in Feb. at St. Anthony Church. We need **all our members** to donate these items if you can: **Individual Tissues, Grief Books, Macaroni & Cheese, Encouragements Books, Ramen Noodles, Adult & Kid Coloring Books, Microwave Popcorn, Crayons & Colored Pencils, Fruit Snacks, Battery Operated Candles, Hard Candy, M&M, Hershey Kisses (*no nuts*), Journals & Pens, 4x6 or 5x7 Picture Frames, Gift Cards to: Target, Walmart, Hy-Vee, Walgreens & Gas Cards.**

VARIETY CLUB TELETHON:

March 3rd our time is **Saturday 10:30pm-Midnight (Same as last year)** and it is held at the Grand Ballroom in the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center at Vets Memorial Auditorium (downtown) We can have 20 people so let me know if you can join us? Email me at lisa@paper-systems.com or sign up at our Jan. meeting. We also want you to start collecting donations, so ask your friends and family if they would like to donate to this GREAT cause. We will meet at Tumeas at 9:00 for Cannoli's ;) We will leave to go to the Telethon at 10pm

CHEER AND SYMPATHY

If you would like a card sent to one of our **members** contact **Mary Cosimo at 280-6553 or email mcosimo@msn.com.**

MONTHLY TREATS

Please sign up at the Jan. meeting to bring treats. If you have a group of gals and you know your month feel free to email Lisa and she will mark you down.

THANK YOU TO...

January refreshments will be provided by the club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Elizabeth Houge 1/1, Cheryl Fontanini 1/2, Christin Wilson 1/7, Sarah Burkhead 1/15, Elizabeth Loffredo 1/17, Stephanie Moore 1/17, She-la Heitman 1/20, Rose Houston 1/21 & Megan Fontanini 1/23

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Gina & John Nelson 1/17 (**13 years**), Tommasina & Dominic Berardi 1/20 (**50 yrs**) and Patti & Michael Branco 1/23 (**35 years**)

Dates to Remember:

1/23-Jan. meeting at the Southside Senior Center- bring items for our Valentine for Victims boxes.

3/3- Variety Club telethon 10:30pm-Midnight

HAPPY NEW YEAR! LET'S MAKE IT A GOOD ONE!